



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 360***

LCO No. 1125

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:  
(JUD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING ARRAIGNMENTS ON ARREST WARRANTS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. Section 54-1d of the 2006 supplement to the general  
2       statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
3       *(Effective from passage):*

4       (a) For the purposes of this section, "geographical area" means the  
5       geographical area of the Superior Court established pursuant to  
6       section 51-348.

7       [(a)] (b) Except as provided in subsections [(b) and (c)] (d) and (e) of  
8       this section, defendants in criminal actions shall be [brought]  
9       presented for arraignment to: [the]

10       (1) The court in the geographical area [, established pursuant to  
11       section 51-348,] in which the crime was alleged to have been  
12       committed; [, or, if]

13       (2) If the arrest was by warrant, [to] the court in the geographical  
14       area in which the crime was alleged to have been committed or in  
15       which the arrest was made; [, or, if] or

16       (3) If the [defendant is arrested on] arrest was by a warrant issued  
 17 pursuant to section 53a-32 or for failure to appear as provided in  
 18 section 53a-172 or 53a-173, [to] the court in the geographical area in  
 19 which the crime was alleged to have been committed or in which the  
 20 arrest was made, or the superior court having jurisdiction over the  
 21 underlying criminal prosecution.

22       (c) If the defendant was [brought] presented to the court in the  
 23 geographical area in which the arrest was made for arraignment and  
 24 was not released from custody after such arraignment, the defendant  
 25 shall be presented to the court in the geographical area in which the  
 26 crime was alleged to have been committed not later than the [second]  
 27 fifth court day following such arraignment. Except as provided in  
 28 subsection (d) of this section, any defendant who has been presented to  
 29 the court in accordance with this section and is the subject of one or  
 30 more additional arrest warrants issued for crimes that were alleged to  
 31 have been committed in one or more geographical areas, other than the  
 32 geographical area in which the defendant is initially presented, shall  
 33 subsequently be presented to the court in each geographical area in  
 34 which such crimes were alleged to have been committed, in such order  
 35 as the courts may determine, not later than the fifth court day  
 36 following the prior arraignment. A criminal cause shall not fail on the  
 37 ground that it has been submitted to a session of improper venue.

38       [(b)] (d) Any defendant who is charged with multiple offenses  
 39 under any provision of section 53a-127b or sections 53a-128a to 53a-  
 40 128i, inclusive, where such offenses were alleged to have been  
 41 committed in more than one geographical area, [established pursuant  
 42 to section 51-348,] may be presented to the court in any one of such  
 43 geographical areas. The court may consolidate all such offenses into a  
 44 single criminal action and shall have jurisdiction over such action.

45       [(c)] (e) Any defendant who is charged with a violation of section  
 46 53a-129a of the general statutes, revision of 1958, revised to January 1,  
 47 2003, or section 53a-129b, 53a-129c or 53a-129d and any defendant who

48 is charged with any other offense committed as a result of such  
49 violation may be presented to the court in the geographical area in  
50 which the person whose personal identifying information has been  
51 obtained and used by the defendant resides.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	54-1d
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***Statement of Purpose:***

To clarify the geographical areas in which arraignments on arrest warrants may occur.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*